

Sinclair Broadcasting's outrageous attempt to force its satellite stations to preempt regular programming for a lengthy political advertisement disguised as a documentary must be stopped. It is a corruption of the democratic process, as dangerous as paperless voting machines.

Observing the dictum "follow the money," a bit of investigation on my part has shown that Sinclair and the Bush Administration are symbiotically coupled. This situation perfectly illustrates the mistake the FCC has made in allowing consolidation to produce monopoly control of ideas and information. Sinclair is privileged to freely use our airwaves, and is obligated by law to serve our interests. The FCC must hold them to this bargain.

The retrospective acknowledgement of groupthink on the part of the press during the buildup to the Iraqi war, along with the obvious credibility-gap between the foreign media and our own media, indicates a serious systemic problem. The FCC urgently needs to revisist the issue of media ownership rules.

Thank you.